

If $f(x) = x^3$, then

$$f^{(3)}(x) =$$

A 6

$$D \ 27x^6$$

$$B \ x^9$$

$$C \ x^6$$

Higher order derivatives

f : function

f' is first derivative

f'' is 2nd derivative

$$f'' = (f')'$$

Example. If $f(x) = x^2$,

$$f'(x) = 2x, \quad f''(x) = 2.$$

f''' is 3rd derivative

Alternate notation

$f^{(n)}$ is the n^{th} derivative.

e.g. $f' = f^{(1)}, \quad f'' = f^{(2)}$

$$f^{(n-1)'} = f^{(n)}$$

Leibniz form-

$$f^{(n)} = \frac{d^n f}{dx^n}$$

Example. Let $f(x) = e^x$

find $f^{(2015)}(x)$.

$$f(x) = e^x, f'(x) = e^x, f''(x) = e^x$$

$$\dots f^{(2015)}(x) = e^x$$

Example. If $f(x) = x^2 e^x$,

find $f''(x)$.

$$f'(x) = (x^2)' \cdot e^x + x^2 e^x$$

$$= 2x e^x + x^2 e^x$$

$$= (x^2 + 2x) e^x.$$

$$f''(x) = ((x^2 + 2x) e^x)'$$

$$= (2x + 2) e^x + (x^2 + 2x) e^x$$

$$= (x^2 + 4x + 2) e^x.$$

If $f(x) = xe^x$, then

$$f^{(100)}(x) =$$

A $x^{100}e^x$

B $100xe^x$

C $(x+100)e^x$

D e^x

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= xe^x, \quad f'(x) = (x)'e^x + xe^{x-1} \\ &= 1e^x + xe^x \\ &= (x+1)e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$f''(x) = 1 \cdot e^x + (x+1)e^x = (x+2)e^x.$$

Example Find a poly-
nomial $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

so that $p(0) = e^0$ //
 ~~$p'(0) =$~~

$f(x) = e^x$, then

$$p(0) = f(0), \quad p'(0) = f'(0)$$

$$p''(0) = f''(0).$$

Compare values of $p(x)$
to e^x .

$$p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$p(0) = c = e^0 = 1$$

$$p'(x) = 2ax + b$$

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$$p'(0) = b = f'(0) = 1$$

$$p''(x) = 2a,$$

$$p''(0) = 2a = 1.$$

$$c=1, \quad b=1, \quad a=1/2$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 1.$$

x	e^x	$p(x)$
0	1	1
0.01	1.010050167...	1.01005
0.2	1.22140...	1.22.

Trig functions.

$$f(x) = \sin(x), f'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Recall -

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x} = 0$$

$$\sin(x+y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + \cos(x)\sin(y).$$

$$f'(x) = \sin'(x) =$$

$$\sin'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} \right)$$

Simplify difference quotient

$$\frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

$$= \cos(x) \cdot \frac{\sin(h)}{h} + \sin(x) \left(\frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right)$$

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0}$

$$= \cos(x) \cdot 1 + \sin(x) \cdot 0$$

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$$\boxed{\sin'(x) = \cos(x)}$$

$$\boxed{\cos'(x) = -\sin(x)}$$

Example $\frac{d}{dx} \tan(x)$

Solution

$$\tan'(x) = \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \right)'$$

$$= \frac{\sin'(x) \cos(x) - \cos'(x) \cdot \sin(x)}{(\cos(x))^2}$$

$$= \frac{\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cot^2(x)}$$

Pyth. id.

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$$= \sec^2(x).$$

$$\left| \frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) = \sec^2(x) \right|$$

$$\left| \frac{d}{dx} \cot(x) = -\csc^2(x) \right|$$

$$\left| \frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x) \right|$$

$$\left| \frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) = -\csc(x) \cot(x) \right|$$

Check

$$f(x) = \sin(x) \cos(x).$$

$$f'(x) = \sin'(x) \cos(x) + \sin(x) \cos'(x).$$

$$= \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x).$$

($= \cos(2x)$).), by
double-angle formula.